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REMARKS

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1. On 1 December 1952, soldiers observed at the Trost Kaserne, Vienna, wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank motor transport and signal insignia. The installation was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Vehicles leaving the Trost Kaserne included: trucks [REDACTED] 25X1C each occupied by about 20 soldiers, jeep [REDACTED] with officers, buses [REDACTED] carrying a military band, and truck [REDACTED]. All drivers and occupants of the vehicles wore red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep [REDACTED] was parked in front of a building guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. It was opposite the Trost Kaserne. A group of 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and commanded by a lieutenant marched from the Trost Kaserne to the garage on Pernerstorfer Strasse, an installation guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. The soldiers maintained about 20 vehicles including ambulance [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] 25X1C
2. On 2 December, 23 armored vehicles, including 8 JS-3 tanks, were observed in the garages at the barracks installation, Kagran (P 49/X 49). Vehicles observed at the installation included jeep [REDACTED] truck 25X1C [REDACTED] and tank truck [REDACTED] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. A newly constructed shelter in the ditch between the installation and the athletic field sheltered a JS-3 tank and an SU-249 gun. Another armored vehicle was observed about 120 meters from two dummy tanks on a small gauge track. Eleven tank trucks and a trailer were parked at the fuel dump. [REDACTED] 25X1C Equipment observed in the AAA section of the barracks installation included, as on 27 November, an 85-mm AA gun, an 37-mm AA gun, 6 AA machine guns, a van-like trailer with a searchlight and another trailer with a dipole antenna on its roof.
3. On 3 December, officers and EM wearing black-bordered red epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia and motor transportation insignia, were observed in Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55). A fence between the former Landesregierung and the adjoining building was taken down. The two installations were guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets.

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Soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets received instruction in a room of the former Landesregierung. The Jaeger Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets. Vehicles observed at the installation included truck [REDACTED] which left toward Vienna 25X1C after a stop at the komendatura; the truck had a white ring left of the number plate, and was driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. Other vehicles were truck [REDACTED] loaded with tires 25X1C and driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, leaving toward Vienna, jeep [REDACTED] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, jeep [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] all driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets. Jeep [REDACTED] was parked in front of the komendatura. The Kattner Siedlung was unguarded; no activities were observed in the installation and no tracks seen in the snow.³

4. On 27 November, 8 armored vehicles and 6 trucks were observed in the garages southeast of the railroad station at Bruck/Leitha (P 49/X 37). Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, another major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, radio truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier 25X1C wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and truck [REDACTED] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the Waldlager (camp in the woods).⁴

5. On 24 November, jeep [REDACTED] sedan [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were parked at the office on Koven Gasse in Korneuburg (C 49/S 30). Jeep [REDACTED] 25X1C and trucks [REDACTED] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the Albrechts Kaserne. A low wooden building or a vehicle shed was observed under construction next to the wall surrounding the Albrechts Kaserne. Four low wooden barracks and the movable air target devices were still observed in the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg. AAA machine gun, two tank trucks and a truck were also seen at the installation. A group of 27 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the cantonment on the road to Leobendorf and marched to the Albrechts Kaserne.⁵

6. On 24 November, two low wooden barracks provided with lamps were observed west of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). The barracks installations were fenced in by a double-apron entanglement and guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] driven 25X1C by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets left the Albrechts Kaserne. About 50 EM were observed at the installation practicing with 5 x 37-mm AA guns. Two brick buildings provided with lights were observed east of the Artillerie Kaserne. The buildings were fenced in by a double-apron entanglement and guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. The air target installation at the Artillerie Kaserne was moved to the western sector of the Artillerie Kaserne. Trucks [REDACTED] 25X1C all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, hauled potatoes from the the railroad station to the installation. Truck [REDACTED] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Artillerie Kaserne toward Korneuburg and returned about half an hour later loaded with sections of prefabricated houses.

1. Comment. It appears that no major changes have occurred in occupation of the installations in Vienna X. Several vehicle numbers observed at the Frost Kaserne and the garage on Pernertorfer Strasse were previously reported and probably belong to the 13th Gds Macz Div.

2. Comment. Except for [REDACTED] all the tank truck numbers reported from the fuel dump at the barracks installation in Vienna-Kagran belong to the 106th Gds Hv Tank SP Gun Regt. [REDACTED] is assigned to the AAA unit at Kagran.

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3. Comment. There are no major changes in the occupation of Eisenstadt. The former Jaeger Kaserne is still believed to be occupied by the 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, while an unidentified transportation unit possibly belonging to the Central Group of Forces is stationed in the former Landesregierung. Most of the vehicle numbers were previously reported. Vehicles driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets belong to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, and vehicles with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets probably to the unidentified transportation unit.

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4. Comment. The armored vehicles probably belong to the 15th Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div which is believed to be stationed in Bruck/Leitha. A radio truck probably belongs to the 13th Gds Mecz Div, i.e. the 15th Tank Regt in Bruck on the Leitha River.

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5. Comment. The information in paragraph 6 indicates that at least some of the low wooden barracks were transported from the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg, Korneuburg, to Stockerau. The marching of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets from the cantonment on the road to Leobendorf to the Albrechts Kaserne in Korneuburg indicates that this cantonment, which is reported for the first time, was occupied by troops of the 23rd AAA Div. Most observed in Korneuburg and Stockerau were previously reported; they probably belong to the 23rd AAA Div.

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